Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 27 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 28 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022 at 13:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, showery conditions on Thursday giving way to mild, wet and very windy weather on Friday and Saturday. Low confidence for Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 27 Jan 2022: Windy with snow showers and bright or sunny spells. Bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 27 Jan 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Mist	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	50%	30%	20%	10%	<05%

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Weather: Occasional snow showers through morning, brought in on strong to gale force westerly winds. Rain and hail will fall below around 700m. Showers will lose intensity and become more isolated through afternoon leaving a dry but largely cloudy evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% improving 40% through afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Frequency of snow showers will lead to widely very poor visibility with cloud cover variable but often down to 400m or lower. Whiteout conditions possible in heavy snow. Cloud will linger above 600m or so through evening but some breaks are likely to develop.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	44/55 W	37/47 W	33/43 W	34/44 W	32/42 W	27/35 W	21/27 W	18/23 W	17/22 SW
900	30/40 W	27/36 W	24/33 W	24/33 W	21/30 W	19/27 W	14/20 W	11/17 W	12/17 SW
600	33/43 W	28/37 W	24/32 W	22/30 W	19/27 W	16/23 W	13/19 W	10/15 SW	12/17 SW
300	17/27 W	16/26 W	15/25 W	15/25 W	15/24 NW	11/18 NW	6/11 W	7/10 SW	7/11 SW
Glen	14/31 W	12/26 W	11/25 W	10/23 W	10/22 W	8/19 W	4/11 W	5/9 W	4/9 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-10	-3/-10	-4/-10
900	1/-6	0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6
600	4/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	2/-2	2/-3
300	6/2	5/0	4/-0	4/-0	5/0	5/1	4/2	4/1	4/1
Glen	8/5	7/4	6/3	6/3	7/4	7/5	6/4	5/3	5/3
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Risk of gales confined to the morning, but still remaining windy at height. Feeling bitterly cold.

Forecast for Friday 28 Jan 2022

Weather: An early frost under some clearer spells will give way to wet and windy weather spreading in off the Atlantic. Rain will become persistent across all areas, with Lochaber taking the worst of this. Rain turning more widely heavy through evening. Gales widespread.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 30-40mph gusting 50-60mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% pre-dawn, otherwise virtually no chance.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud will initially be patchy above 600m or so through the early hours, this soon thickening and becoming extensive above 500m by dawn. Cloud will lower further through the day, as low as 200-300m around Loch Lomond. Rain and drizzle will turn glens hazy and navigation will be very tricky.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around freezing under any clear spells through the early hours, soon rising 8-10 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius gradually rising to plus 4 Celsius through afternoon.
Freezing level: 800m rising well above summits through morning.

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